

Article I. Grant of Powers to the Town

Sec. 1.01. Incorporation.

The inhabitants of the Town of Kittery, within the limits as now established or as hereafter established in the manner provided by law, shall continue to be a body politic and corporate by the name of the Town of Kittery, and shall have, exercise and enjoy all the rights, immunities, powers, privileges and franchises and shall be subject to all the duties, liabilities and obligations provided for herein, or otherwise, pertaining to or incumbent upon said town as a municipal corporation or to the inhabitants or municipal authorities thereof; and may enact reasonable bylaws, regulations and ordinances for municipal purposes, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maine, and impose penalties for the breach thereof, to be recovered for such uses as said bylaws, regulations or ordinances shall provide. (Amended by vote of the people 10-4-94)

Sec. 1.02. Construction.

The powers of the town under this charter shall be construed liberally in favor of the town, and the specific mention of particular powers in the charter shall not be construed as limiting in any way the general power stated in this article.

Sec. 1.03. Intergovernmental relations.

The town may exercise any of its powers or perform any of its functions and may participate in the financing thereof, jointly or in cooperation, by contract or otherwise, with any one or more municipalities, states or civil divisions or agencies thereof, or the United States or any agency thereof.

Sec. 1.04. Casinos prohibited.

No person, firm, corporation, association, organization, or any other entity may operate a commercial facility which conducts, holds or operates a game of chance, game of skill, electronic video machine, slot machine or any other type of gambling activity. No business license or land use regulation shall permit any of the above stated prohibitions within the Town of Kittery.

No person, firm, corporation, association, organization, or any other entity shall hold, conduct or operate high-stakes Beano or Bingo or a commercial Beano-Bingo hall within the Town of Kittery.

Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit or limit any non-profit, low-limit game of chance to pursuant to any state license issued to a bona fide non-profit charitable, educational, political, civic, recreational, fraternal, patriotic, religious or volunteer fire department pursuant to State law. (Added by vote of the people 6-11-02)

Sec. 1.05. Qualifications for municipal office.

Except as otherwise required by statute or charter, the provision of Title 30-A, Section 2526, subsection 3 requiring state residency as a qualification for municipal office does not apply. (Added by vote of the people 11-4-14)